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Top Aide Of Reagan Resigning

Martin Anderson To Leave Post as Policy Director

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Martin C. Anderson, a prominent member of the Reagan inner circle and one of the administration's most outspoken conservatives, will quit as director of the White House Office of Policy Development and return to private life, he said yesterday.

Anderson, 45, whose resignation is scheduled to be announced today, was praised by White House counselor Edwin Meese III as "the conscience of the administration."

His departure is certain to spark new concerns among conservatives who believe that ideologically loyal supporters of the administration are being eliminated systematically by a pragmatic faction headed by White House chief of staff James A. Baker III.

But high-level administration sources said last night that Anderson is leaving at his own initiative and largely for personal reasons, not because of any policy dispute. One high official said it was simply that "Marty wants out."

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Though Anderson is leaving the administration, he is not severing his ties with it. The president, who asked him to stay in a meeting earlier this week, will appoint his longtime supporter to the Economic Policy Advisory Board and the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, an unusual dual responsibility.

Anderson said he also expects to serve as a consultant to the administration on particular issues.

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